



Postsecondary Education

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News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

Senate approves budget, joint budget talks underway

The Senate wrapped up its budget discussions March 21 with approval of a \$17.8 billion, two-year budget plan. A conference committee of House and Senate representatives began negotiations to reach a joint state budget this weekend and are expected to continue discussions this week. [To view an analysis of the Senate budget, visit the Council Web site.](#)

Council approves tuition for KCTCS, Morehead, and UK

The Council on Postsecondary Education approved 2006-07 tuition rates for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Morehead State University, and the University of Kentucky at its March 24 meeting in Frankfort. The Council will consider tuition and fee proposals from the remaining public universities, as well as all requests for exceptions, at its April 5 meeting. To view a copy of the complete news release, [visit the Council Web site.](#)

Kentucky cited in national article for P-16 alignment efforts

Kentucky was highlighted in a *Chronicle of Higher Education* op-ed this month for its creation of statewide placement standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. "Student Readiness: the Challenge for Colleges" discusses the need for postsecondary institutions to improve students' college preparation by creating a single definition of "ready for college work" by which K-12 educators can measure and focus high school curricula. Kati Haycock, director of the Education Trust, points to Kentucky's and Louisiana's success in implementing consistent statewide standards as evidence that this task can be achieved. To view a copy of the complete article, [visit the Chronicle of Higher Education Web site.](#)

Student body presidents voice support for tuition policy

The Executive Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education heard from student body presidents regarding their views of the Council's new tuition policy at its March 8 meeting. Jason Marion of Morehead State University, Bill Brammel of the UofL, Katie Dawson of WKU, and Leonard Clemons of KSU voiced their support for the policy. The policy aligns tuition setting with state appropriations and sets parameters for maximum tuition based upon the amount of state appropriations institutions receive. The student body presidents expressed appreciation for the Council's efforts to maintain stability and keep student costs down while acknowledging that universities have multiple competing financial needs. To view the complete news release, [visit the Council Web site.](#)

Council on Postsecondary Education hosts developmental education conference

Kentucky's postsecondary education leaders convened in Lexington last week for the 2006 Kentucky Conference on Developmental Education hosted by the Council on Postsecondary Education. Conference attendees heard from three national speakers and a plenary panel of state policymakers. Conference sessions provided a variety of best practices in developmental student support. Institutions participated in team planning sessions to examine programs that currently serve underprepared students and develop plans to improve future services. To view a copy of the complete news release, [visit the Council Web site.](#)



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